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H.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0515

NOTICE OF FIELD HEARING May 30, 2019 10:00 A.M. Bulltear Industries, Inc 24543 Olinda Trail N, Scandia, MN 55073

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure

FROM: Jared Golden, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2019

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure will hold a hearing titled, "Small Businesses and Their Limitations Without Reliable Access to Rural Broadband." The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Bulltear Industries, 24543 Olinda Trail N, Scandia, MN, 55073.

Access to reliable and affordable broadband service is imperative to not only the success of small businesses, but the overall economic development of a region. In many rural parts of the country, however, reliable access is far from guaranteed. Over 24 million Americans, the vast majority of whom live in rural areas, lack access to broadband at benchmark speeds. The hearing will focus on broadband deployment efforts in rural America and the challenges small firms in those areas face without reliable broadband services. Additionally, witnesses will suggest potential policy changes Congress could make to improve broadband access in the nation's rural areas.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Meagan Sunn, Professional Staff to the Committee, at 202-225-4038.